(c) and (d) A 100 hour bandh was being observed in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam on 13th and 14th August, 1991 to press for the demand for an Autonomous State under Article 244(A) of the Constitution.

(e) There has been an upward trend in the number of persons killed by the militants in these States and in the number of violent incidents in Assam and Nagaland.

Container pilferages at Calcutta and Haldia Ports

*55. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increasing incidents of container pilferages at Calcutta and Haldia Ports have been brought to the notice of the Central Government by the shippers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to identify the racket and to check pilferages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

There have been no complaints by Shippers of this nature in the recent past except for two complaints by Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) to Calcutta Port Trust (CPT). These related to:—

(i) Shortage found at destination in some Containers transported by road from Calcutta to Haldia; and

(ii) One case of pilferage of carpets from a container outside dock area at Haldia.

The matter was taken up with concerned authorities of State Government. In any case, Shipping Corporation of India have since discontinued road movement from Calcutta to Haldia.

*56. [*Transferred to 3rd September, 1991*]

JKLF propaganda against India

*57. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front have been carrying on a campaign against India in the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our High Commission in London keeps in close and constant touch with British MPs from all parties, with the media, and other influential opinion-markers including within the Indian community, explain our point of view in detail on the Kashmir issue.

Withdrawal of scheme to meter local telephone calls every three minutes

*58. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to drop the scheme of metering local telephone calls every three minutes in Bombay and Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the places in the world where this kind of scheme operates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The scheme of metering local telephone calls every three minutes is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is known that the scheme of periodic metering of local calls is existing in a number of countries—List is laid on the Table of the House as Statement. (*See* below)

Periodic metering of local calls practised in the following countries:

1. Argentina
2. Austria
3. Belgium
4. Chile
5. China P. R.
6. Colombia
7. Denmark
8. Equador
9. Egypt
10. France
11. Germany F.R.
12. Hungary
13. Iceland
14. Indonesia
15. Italy
16. Japan
17. Morocco
18. Netherlands
19. Norway
20. Paraguay
21. Portugal
22. Saudi Arabia
23. Spain
24. Sweden
25. Tanzania
26. Tunisia
27. Turkey
28. Uganda
29. U.K.
30. Venezuela

Capacity of telephone connections in the electronic exchanges at Jodhpur

*59. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present capacity of Telephone Connection's in the Electronic Exchanges at Jodhpur, Rajasthan Exchange-wise;

(b) whether the present capacity is likely to be increased to fulfil the demand of telephone connections;

(c) what are the dates of clearance of waiting list as on 1st July, 1991 at Jodhpur City amongst the following categories of telephone connections with number of applicants now waiting for connections: OYT-S, OYT-G, N-OYT-S, N-OYT-G: and

(d) by when Government would be in a position to provide the facility of telephone connection specially under OYT-S catagory immediately on making the applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Present capacity of Electronic Telephone exchanges in Jodhpur city is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Electronic Exchange	Capacity
1	Jodhpur . . . . . Remote Line Unit (RLU)	5000 lines
2	MANJI KA HATHA (RLU)	2000 lines
3	BASNI (RLU)	1500 lines